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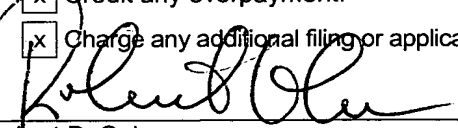
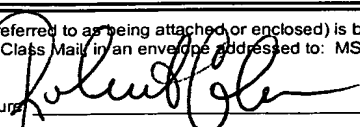
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to the initiation of prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.



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Art Unit 2131					
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Invention: DATA PROCESSING METHOD, ITS PROGRAM, AND ITS DEVICE					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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